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Prior to examination of the above referenced patent application please amend the referenced application to include new claims 2-55, as recited below. Applicants also hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for the new claims, as recited below, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845: Order No. 15-IS-5887/YOD (GEMS:0131).

Accordingly, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Returning to Fig. 6, with the family of compression code tables generated and stored at step 270, configuration segment 250 continues with generation of predictor

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